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GOVERNOR

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CHAIRMAN

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**ORDER OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**  
**HURRICANE IDA EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1**

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**WHEREAS**, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, Hurricane Ida struck the Louisiana coast causing widespread damage to property and extensive power outages to a large area of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the franchise payments and device operation fees provided for in La. R.S. 27:435 and LAC 42:XI.2409 are routinely collected by the state from all licensed video draw poker device owners by electronic transfers or “sweeps” of the bank accounts of said device owners designated for such purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage and power outages caused by Hurricane Ida make the electronic sweeps to collect the franchise fees and the device operation fees impossible to effectuate in the heavily-affected areas of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 9th day of September 2021, the Governor of the state of Louisiana issued Proclamation Number 172 JBE 2021, authorizing and directing the Chairman of the Board to delay the withdrawal of the franchise payments due under La. R.S. 27:435(D) for up to 30 days; and

**WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 27:1 et seq, grants to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board (“the Board”) all regulatory authority and control and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority over all aspects of gaming activities under its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Board has determined that the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida presents an extraordinary situation requiring immediate action to protect the health, safety, welfare, and interests of the state of Louisiana and its citizens,

**IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED** that effective immediately:

The Gaming Enforcement Division of Louisiana State Police is hereby directed and ordered to suspend the collection of the franchise payments and device operation fees due to the state from licensed video draw poker device owners pursuant to La. R.S. 27:435 and LAC 42:XI.2409 and periodically collected by the electronic sweep of the bank accounts of said device owners designated for such purpose for a period of 30 days or until October 9, 2021. This order only provides for a delay in the collection of the payments and fees due to the state and is not a waiver of any such payments. This order shall apply to all licensed video draw poker device owners in the state.

This order shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded.

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Johns', is written over a horizontal line.

**RONNIE JOHNS, CHAIRMAN**

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**